







REPORTS  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN,  
AND  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA,  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

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## Report of the Selectmen.

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*The Selectmen credit the town for the year ending March 1, 1880,  
as follows:—*

1879.

March 15,	By cash in Treasury,	\$1,116.97
" "	A. F. Cheney's note,	123.99
" 29,	Received of A. F. Cheney, collector 1877,	117.00
April 1,	By list of taxes assessed,	6,359.90
" 10,	Received from town farm auction,	92.20
" 14,	" C. E. Davis, Collector, 1878,	545.00
" 23,	" A. F. Cheney, " 1877,	70.00
" 26,	" Wm. H. Noyes,	210.00
" "	" C. E. Davis, Collector, 1878,	46.56
May 3,	" Wm. H. Noyes, notes,	800.00
" "	" J. W. Saunders, "	263.47
" "	" L. F. Blake, "	263.47
" 31,	" C. E. Davis, Collector, 1878,	176.35
" "	" A. F. Cheney, " 1877,	95.75
June 28,	" S. A. McMurphy,	15.00
" "	" E. H. Bullock,	30.00
" "	" County of Grafton,	66.00
" "	" C. E. Davis, Collector, 1878,	72.46
July 26,	" State Treasurer, bounty, wild animals,	3.50
" "	" Town farm auction,	13.50
Aug. 9,	" S. A. McMurphy,	10.00
" 18,	" J. T. Akerman,	130.77
" 22,	" A. F. Cheney, Collector, 1877,	79.55
Oct. 1,	" L. M. Heath,	9.52
" 4,	" Gilman A. Berry,	16.00



Nov. 5,	Received of County of Grafton,	\$78.00
" "	" " " " " for expenses of	
	Mrs. Cunningham,	7.00
" 27,	A. F. Cheney, Collector, 1877,	60.00
" 29,	Borrowed of Charlotte A. Ballou,	116 95
" "	Received of A. F. Cheney, Collector, 1877,	15.00
Dec. 6,	G. L. Tilton,	7.10
" "	Railroad tax,	21.90
" "	Savings Bank tax,	111.25
" "	Literary Fund,	74.37
1880.		
Jan. 7,	F. H. Lewis,	35.50
" 13,	A. F. Cheney, Collector, 1877,	25.00
" 23,	Wm. Joyce,	6.06
" 31,	S. A. McMurphy,	20.61
Feb. 23,	J. P. Martin,	15.42
" 25,	Wm. H. Noyes,	23.86
" "	" "	12.08
" "	Woodbury Sleeper,	11.00
" "	E. H. Bullock,	52.78
" "	C. E. Davis, Collector, 1878,	176.04
" "	A. F. Cheney, Collector, 1877,	35.00
" 26,	Tobacco not used,	.90
" "	E. H. Bullock,	14.78
" "	" " to cover error in order 203,	4.59
" 27,	Grange for use of hall,	5.00
" "	Use of hall for entertainments,	20.50
Total amount received,		<u>\$11,677.65</u>

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State tax,	\$580.00
County tax,	902.85
Several school districts,	899.40
School house tax, district No. 3,	10.00
<u>\$2,392.35</u>	

**Paid on Notes.**

H. F. Tilton, note and interest in full,	\$182.21
C. E. Davis, " " "	965.84
E. C. Merrill, " " "	78.93
Lydia Merrill, " " "	241.67
Charlotte Ballou, note and interest,	116.95
P. W. Akerman, two notes and interest in full,	597.40
Lydia Chesley, note, " "	330.42
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	\$2,513.42

**Miscellaneous Items.**

Morrill & Silsby, stationery,	\$4.85
R. W. Musgrove, printing reports,	20.00
H. B. Fowler, certificate of deaths and births,	2.25
A. F. Cheney, collecting, 1877,	10.00
J. P. Martin, cleaning town house,	1.50
C. A. Pearson, blacksmith work,	2.40
J. W. Saunders, bounty on fox,	.50
S. B. Sleeper, stationery and stamps,	1.70
E. M. Tenney, labor and desk,	3.50
Drs. Chase & Bishop, certificate of births and deaths,	3.50
H. W. Pettengill, services at town farm, and goods bought,	86.95
W. F. Simons, services as Moderator,	3.00
R. W. Musgrove, printing auction bills,	5.00
E. H. Bullock, tobacco and stationery,	3.18
M. C. Shepard, boarding Uriah Rowen,	2.75
F. C. Ferrin, copying invoice and making out deed,	5.92
Chas. Pearson, ministerial fund,	18 00
W. A. Berry, insuring town farm buildings,	9.00
C. A. Pearson, blacksmith work,	12.76
S. B. Sleeper, expenses to Plymouth,	3.00
C. F. McCloud, damage to wagon,	2.00
Alvah Gray, sawing wood,	.75
S. B. Sleeper, one cord of wood,	3.00
Morrill & Silsby, two order books,	2.00
S. B. Sleeper, expense to Concord to pay tax,	2.50

Horace Saunders, powder and fuse,	\$4.58
C. B. Bullock, damage to plow,	3.00
Dr. H. B. Fowler, visit to Mrs. Joseph Akerman, 1878,	1.50
C. E. Davis, part pay for collecting in 1879,	25.00
C. N. Plumer, printing and posting schools notices,	5.00
C. L. Plumer, bounty on six hawks,	1.20
O. K. Bucklin, repairing G. H. Gray's gig,	15.00
S. B. Sleeper, expenses on Martha Clifford case,	3.00
I. A. Gale, bounty on hawk,	.20
C. W. Tucker, bounty on four hawks,	.80
Ira O. Mathews, " " "	.80
W. Dicey, " one "	.20
E. Burns, " " "	.20
Elmer Gordon, " three "	.60
E. A. Seavey, " one "	.20
T. T. Drake, use of derrick in 1878,	8.00
O. S. Gale, blacksmith work,	1.40
O. S. Gale, record book for mortgages,	1.00
T. H. Cox, cleaning town hall,	1.00
C. E. Davis, part pay for collecting in 1879,	10.00
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	\$292.69

#### Loss on Sheep by Dogs.

L. L. Thomas, loss of one sheep,	\$3.00
Albert Healey, " "	2.00
A. B. Powers, " "	3.00
S. B. Sleeper, damage of four sheep,	4.00
Woodbury Sleeper, " three "	3.00
A. F. Cheney, loss of two sheep,	2.00
N. J. Akerman, " one "	3.00
N. A. Bailey, " " "	3.00
John Pitman, damage of sheep,	3.00
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	\$26.00



### Abatement of Taxes.

Hannah J. Simonds, tax in full for the year 1878,	\$29.50
Frank S. Fisher, " " " "	2.55
George D. Gale, abatement for 1877,	4.55
James Berry, abatement for watering trough,	3.00
Charles Keyser, " "	3.00
F. N. Healey, " "	3.00
G. H. Berry, " "	1.50
Thomas Pusey, abatement in part for poll tax for 1879,	.91
M. C. Mathews, for error in taxes,	16.74
P. W. Akerman, abatement loss on cow and watering trough,	3.03
Charles S. Davis, " on poll tax,	1.90
L. F. Blake, abatement for use of watering trough,	2.00
Levi Simonds, for watering trough,	2.00
Parker K. Gray, abatement of tax for 1878,	4.76
C. E. Davis, for taxes and incidental charges, lot 33, 1878,	5.81
A. F. Cheney, tax and incidental charges on resident land of E. J. Braley's heirs, 1877,	3.71
A. F. Cheney, Levi M. Gray, tax for 1877,	1.65
Luke Gale, for use of watering trough,	3.00
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	\$92.61

### Paid for County Paupers.

S. B. Sleeper, for Mrs. Cunningham,	\$7.00
Jonathan Scruton, support of feeble minded children,	27.00
" " " " "	27.00
" " " " "	24.00
" " " " "	27.00
" " " " "	27.00
" " " " "	27.00
Horace Saunders, goods furnished Alvah Gray,	10.00
" " " " " "	2.00
S. B. Sleeper, for conveying J. M. Simonds to Rumney, and carfare to Haverhill, \$1.40,	4.00
G. A. Robie, coffin for Alvah Gray's child,	7.75
Dr. Ira S. Chase, medical attendance to Alvah Gray,	40.65
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	\$230.40

**Poor Receiving Aid from the Town.**

Hiram Clifford for Martha Clifford,	\$23.55
“ “ “ “	22.81
A. J. Tucker, services in care of J. Berry,	17.00
G. A. Robie, coffin for J. Berry,	11.00
J. W. Saunders, funeral expenses of J. Berry,	2.25
M. S. Akerman, watching with J. Berry,	5.50
K. S. Bullock, board of B. C. Sleeper, 13 weeks,	15.17
K. S. Bullock, sundries furnished B. C. Sleeper,	3.65
Rev. A. McGregor, preaching funeral sermon of J. Berry,	2.00
S. W. Knowles, board and care of J. Berry,	87.50
Hiram Clifford, for Martha Clifford,	21.00
C. W. Butrick, conveying Martha Clifford to depot,	1.00
Joseph Patten, care of feeble minded boy,	6.50
J. P. Martin, digging grave for J. Berry,	2.00
S. B. Sleeper, expenses for B. C. Sleeper,	1.75
K. S. Bullock, board of B. C. Sleeper, 13 weeks,	15.17
Dr. H. B. Fowler, doctoring Jeremiah Berry,	12.00
Dr. H. B. Fowler, medicine furnished J. Berry,	13.40
Joseph H. Patten, care of feeble minded boy,	6.50
Hiram Clifford, for Martha Clifford,	34.25
C. H. Dickinson, overcoat for B. C. Sleeper,	6.00
K. S. Bullock, board of B. C. Sleeper 13 weeks,	15.17
K. S. Bullock, clothing for B. C. Sleeper,	4.48
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	\$329.71

**Paid Highways and Bridges.**

Fred N. Healey, labor on highway,	\$ .50
J. W. Atwood, “ “	1.98
C. F. McCloud, breaking roads and money paid,	6.92
Coffrin Patten, labor on highway and money paid,	5.52
Clark A. Gray, “ “ “ “	8.88
D. M. Durgin, “ “	5.70
L. S. Gordon, “ “	5.75
E. C. Merrill, “ “	9.84
F. E. Berry, labor on highway and money paid,	4.62

I. C. Pitman, breaking highway and money paid,	\$3.36
C. S. Flanders, labor on sugar-loaf road,	21.78
A. D. Morrow, " highway,	2.91
Hosea Hartford, " "	6.67
Joseph H. Patten, " " and money paid,	12.76
C. R. Hammond, " " " "	18.06
G. T. Pitman, " " " "	5.31
O. K. Gray, " " " "	6.18
Aaron Clark, " " " "	9.35
S. W. Knowles, " " " "	6.06
B. H. Braley, " " " "	7.20
J. M. Sleeper, " " " "	2.76
J. P. Bailey, " " " "	2.76
M. S. Akerman, " " " "	5.00
F. H. Lewis, " " " "	4.70
E. M. Morrill, " " " "	5.45
Azro A. Welton, " " " "	2.68
Orrin S. Gale, " " " "	3.48
S. B. Sleeper, " " and money paid,	5.22
E. R. Scruton, " " " "	17.28
C. F. McCloud, " " " "	1.32
J. F. Phillips, " " " "	12.66
P. W. Akerman, " " " "	6.00
E. T. Bailey, " " " "	7.80
W. F. Simons, " " " "	4.35
Joel S. Gray, " " " "	7.08
John Sanborn, " " " "	1.44
E. H. Bullock, cutting out sugar-loaf road,	8.22
C. L. Dalton, labor on highway and money paid,	2.28
G. A. Rollins, " " " "	3.36
Hosea Hartford, " " " "	9.48
C. W. Tucker, " " " "	2.28
John Clark, " " " "	4.08
Daniel McMurphy " " " "	2.51
J. W. Saunders, for bridge plank,	35.00
B. H. Braley, labor on highway,	.96
C. W. Butrick, breaking roads and money paid,	8.60



Hosea Hartford, labor on highway and money paid,	\$15.23
W. H. Sanborn, bridge plank,	27.92
S. W. Knowles, labor on highway,	2.00
J. W. Saunders, bridge plank,	67.62
A. J. Tucker, building bridge,	7.00
Cyrus French, labor on highway and money paid,	32.82
J. A. Corliss, stone work on Martin bridge,	45.00
M. S. Akerman, labor on highway and money paid,	11.87
J. I. Brown, " " " "	11.96
W. H. Sanborn, labor and lumber on bridge,	35.15
Calvin D. Sanborn, labor on highway,	5.00
A. J. Tucker, repairing abutment on bridge,	5.00
J. W. Saunders, bridge timber,	31.79
S. E. Knowles, building abutments to J. Berry bridge,	64.00
F. N. Healer, labor on highway and money paid,	40.07
J. G. Tenney, " " " "	45.97
Coffrin Patten, " " " "	19.25
S. S. Patten, lumber and labor on highway, money paid,	42.40
Coffrin Patten, labor on Woshman road and money paid,	32.42
S. S. Patten, labor on highway and money paid,	59.42
G. A. Bullock, " " " "	52.18
G. S. Verrill, " " " "	52.00
Gapheth Gray, 2d, " " " "	27.10
W. Thissel, " " " "	112.80
A. N. McMurphy, " " " "	19.42
W. H. Sanborn, " " " "	36.38
L. F. Blake, " " " "	50.77
W. Thissel, " " " "	16.59
S. G. Akerman, " " " "	20.64
A. F. Cheney, " " " "	28.20
Hudson Gove, " " " "	20.58
M. C. Mathews, " " " "	7.22
J. A. Cloutman, " " " "	35.18
N. P. Keyser, " " " "	2.25
Peter Sleeper, " " " "	57.86
L. F. Pattee, " " " "	16.67
J. A. Corliss, " " " "	18.79

N. A. Bailey, labor on highway and money paid,	\$24.42
J. A. Corliss, " " " "	10.25
Albert Healey, " " " "	41.67
A. Gove, " " " "	3.00
L. L. Thomas, " " " "	6.00
G. S. Bailey, " " " "	10.38
H. J. Simons, " " " "	3.75
David Haynes, " " " "	.60
Hannah J. Simons, " " " "	4.29
John Seavey, breaking roads,	3.00
Miner Brock, labor on highway,	12.51
John Clark, building bridge,	20.00
D. F. Tilton, labor on highway,	4.24
James Patten, " " " "	10.25
J. P. Berry, plank and lumber,	5.17
J. W. Saunders, bridge plank,	3.43
G. B. & L. S. Gordon, labor on highway,	4.48
S. M. Clark, labor on highway,	41.89
C. E. Davis, lumber,	8.00
W. F. Simonds, labor on highway and money paid,	132.26
G. S. Bailey, building bridge near Luke Gale's,	39.50
E. T. Hutchins, bridge plank,	36.30
Aaron Clark, building bridge,	7.00
Aaron Clark, labor on highway and money paid,	22.35
G. S. Bailey, labor on sugar-loaf road,	4.59
John Sanborn, labor on Eastman road and money paid,	5.00
Dearborn Gray, labor on sugar-loaf road in 1874,	1.50
Joel S. Gray, labor on highway and money paid,	27.60
Amos Seavey, " " " "	26.23
I. P. Hardy, labor on highway and bridge,	19.39
Calvin Brown, " " " "	1.80
E. L. Gifford, labor on highway and money paid,	26.09
C. W. Butrick, " " " " "	27.87
Silas Ballou, twenty-eight loads of loam,	5.00
J. T. Akerman, lumber,	1.00
C. N. Plumer, labor on highway and money paid,	14.50
J. W. Saunders, lumber,	2.50

C. H. Dickinson, lumber,	\$3.00
John Dicey, breaking roads 1875,	5.00
L. F. Blake, labor on highway and money paid,	2.46
C. N. Plumer, breaking roads,	1.38
Gilbert A. Bullock, breaking roads and money paid,	1.35
S. M. Clark, breaking roads,	2.20
S. B. Taylor, lumber,	2.20
Japheth Gray, 2nd, labor on highway and money paid,	3.19
S. S. Patten, " " " "	3.90
J. C. Morrill, labor on highway,	6.76
Albert Healy, " "	6.69
L. S. Gordon, " "	2.75
E. M. Morrill, " "	2.62
Coffrin Patten, " " and money paid,	1.50
F. N. Healy, " "	3.30
J. I. Brown, " " and money paid,	7.74
E. L. Gifford, " " " "	4.11
Cyrus French, " " " "	5.35
Hosea Hartford, " " " "	22.20
Peter Sleeper, " " " "	3.05
Wm. H. Noyes, repairing bridge,	2.50
L. L. Thomas, labor on highway,	2.16
Weston Rowell, " " and money paid,	16.79
A. F. Cheney " " " "	11.94
J. F. Cloutman, " " " "	15.83
J. F. Cloutman, lumber,	3.00
J. A. Corless, labor on highway and money paid,	9.10
N. A. Bailey, " "	1.40
H. E. Hutchins, " "	5.00
M. S. Akerman, " " and money paid,	8.03
J. G. Tenney, " " " "	8.71
M. C. Mathews, " "	1.60
Wm. Thissell, " " and money paid,	6.09
J. A. Cloudman, " " " "	7.57
Ira Babb, " " in 1878,	1.82
S. G. Akerman, " " and money paid,	4.50
L. F. Ballou, " "	5.76



S. B. Taylor, labor on highway,	\$1.08
John Seavey, " " and damage to field,	4.85
Freeman A. Gray, " "	1.50
James Patten, " "	1.30
Joel S. Gray, " "	3.60
F. H. Lewis, " "	3.10
Chas. Cloutman, " "	5.04
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	\$2,333.45

### Town Officers' Bill, 1880.

Paid S. B. Sleeper, Selectman,	\$62.03
E. H. Bullock, " "	56.40
J. W. Saunders, " "	48.86
Orin S. Gale, Town Clerk,	20.00
T. C. Ferrin, " Treasurer,	25.00
C. N. Plumer, S. S. Committe,	25.00
For services, Supervisors,	16.50
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	\$253.79

## RECAPITULATION.

Amount received,		\$11,677.65
Paid State tax,	\$580.00	
County tax,	902.85	
Several School Districts,	899.50	
School house tax in District No. 3,	10.00	
On notes,	2,513.42	
Miscellaneous Items, -	292.69	
Loss on sheep by dogs,	26.00	
Abatements,	92.61	
On out-standing orders, 1878,	42.26	
County Pauper,	230.40	
Town Paupers,	329.71	
Highways and bridges,	2,333.45	
Town Officers' bills,	253.79	
In the hands of collector for 1879,	1,413.49	
Notes in treasury,	1,370.93	
Cash in       “	386.55	
	—————	-\$11,677.65

**List of Notes due from the Town.**

Charlotte A. Ballou,	\$118.79
Ruth A. Phillips,	352.54
James Crawford,	1,480.99
Aurilla Pitman,	53.72
John Brock,	642.72
“ “	642.72
“ “	856.96
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	\$4,148.44

**Due the Town.**

Amount due on A. F. Cheney's note,	49.74
J. W. Saunders', "	278.22
L. F. Blake's "	278.22
Wm. H. Noyes, "	839.20
Due from Samuel Kirk for cider,	3.00
Fred Quimby goods bought at town farm auction,	1.12
Wm. Joyce, " " " "	.35
Isaac Follansbee, " " " "	.20
J. C. Heath, " " " "	.30
Wm. H. Noyes insuring buildings,	9.00
County of Grafton,	118.40
A. F. Cheney, collector 1877,	443.94
C. E. Davis, " 1878,	395.47
" " " 1879,	1,413.49
Cash in Treasury,	386.55
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	\$4,217.20

**Estimated Debt of the Town March 1, 1880.**

Amount of notes and interest,	\$4,148.44
Debts unsettled,	60.00
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	\$4,208.44



Amount due the town,	\$4,217.20
“ the town owes,	4,208.44
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Balance in favor of town,	\$8.76

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. SLEEPER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
E. H. BULLOCK,	
J. W. SAUNDERS,	

*of Alexandria.*

**Amount of Sales at Town Farm, April 8, 1879.**

Amount of Real estate,	\$1,010.00
“ Personal property,	522.60
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	\$1,532.60

**Amount paid out on Sale.**

Paid Lock Rice, auctioneer,	\$10.00
F. K. Flanders, work,	.66
G. H. Gray, discount on grain,	.12
H. F. Tilton, “ goods,	.42
G. S. Bailey, “ cider,	3.34
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	\$14.54
Whole amount of sale,	\$1,532.60
“ paid out,	14.54
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Net amount of sale at town farm,	\$1,518.06

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. SLEEPER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
E. H. BULLOCK,	
J. W. SAUNDERS,	

*of Alexandria.*

**REPORT**  
OF THE  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

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DISTRICT No. 1.

The summer term of school, six weeks in length, was taught by Miss ELLA R. PHILLIPS, a young lady of energy and ability. The school appeared well and passed a good examination. Miss LAURA B. SANBORN taught a term of 7 weeks in the fall. This teacher has had many years of experience and the scholars made good progress in their studies. Whole number of scholars first term, 9 ; average, 7 ; second term, 9 ; average, 6. Wages per month, board included, \$20 both terms.

E. C. Merrill, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 2.

This district had one term of ten weeks, commencing Sept. 15. HERBERT E. DRAKE, teacher. Mr. Drake was careful to look after the interest of the school, and with firm decision for the right, performed his duties in a clear and faithful manner, making the school a success. Whole number of scholars, 16 ; average, 16. Roll of honor, Mary Taylor. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$26.

Lewis Pattee, Prudential Committee.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

Two terms—6 weeks in summer and 12 in winter. First term taught by H. AMANDA WHIDDEN; second by Miss LIZZIE NELSON. Faithful and earnest labor characterized both terms. The teachers were thoroughly educated, and each had a pleasant manner of instructing which gained the approbation of all, well sustaining the former reputation of the school. The parents take a deep interest in the education of their children, and manifest it by being present at the close of each term. Whole number scholars first term, 7; average, 7; second term, 15; average, 14. Roll of honor first term, Dick E. Burns, Alice M. Keyser, Frank Keyser, Willie Phillips, Herbert Phillips; second, Dick Burns, Alice Keyser, Ned Mathews. Wages per month first term, \$12; second, 13; board given.

C. N. Plumer, Prudential Committee.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

The first term of 7 weeks was taught by ANNA L. PLUMER. The scholars were interested in their studies and made good improvement. Whole number of scholars, 12; average, 10. Roll of honor, Lura M. Sleeper, Flora Bailey, Geo. Atwood. Wages per month, \$12; board given. Winter term, taught by Miss ALICE D. SAUNDERS. Thorough work during the term resulted in substantial improvement. Length of school, 12 weeks. Number of scholars, 14; average, 12. Roll of honor, Harry L. Sleeper. Wages per month, not including board, \$13.

Frank Gale, Prudential Committee.

## DISTRICT No. 5.

Both terms were taught by Mrs. C. A. G. BULLOCK, a teacher whose experience and interest in the work make her labors successful. The scholars made marked improvement. Length of each term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars first term, 17; second, 19; average first term, 14; second, 15. Wages per month, board included, \$14.

L. L. Ballou, Prudential Committee.



## DISTRICT No. 6.

Two terms—first 6, and second, 9 weeks. The school in the summer was composed of 9 scholars; an average of 8. Miss NELLIE E. VOSE, teacher. Miss Vose gained the esteem of her pupils and kept a good school. Roll of honor, Ned Emery, Lillian Emery, Hattie A. Vose, Christie Vose, Willie Tenney, Abbie G. Tenney. Fall term, taught by ANNA L. PLUMER. The scholars continued to make good progress. Roll of honor, Christie Vose, Frank Vose, Abbie Tenney. Whole number scholars 9; average 7. Wages per month, including board, \$16.

G. H. Bullock, Prudential Committee.

## DISTRICT No. 7.

Miss L. ETTA GREY taught a term of 6 weeks in the summer. The lessons were well committed and recited. The teacher took an interest in her work. Number of scholars, 17; average, 15. Roll of honor, Addie Thomas, Minnie L. Thomas, Delia M. Thomas, Emma Alexander. Teacher of second term, ERVIN T. DRAKE. He had a good method of instructing, and the examination proved that his faithful labors had accomplished the desired result. Length of school, 7 weeks. Whole number scholars, 16; average, 15. Roll of honor, Ida F. Bralley, Emma B. Alexander, Aggie Alexander, Minnie L. Thomas. Wages per month, board included, \$18 first term; \$22.40 second term.

Mrs. L. L. Thomas, Prudential Committee.

## DISTRICT No. 8.

First term commenced April 28, continuing 5 weeks, taught by Miss EFFIE E. HODGDON. This was Miss Hodgdon's first term but she did well. It was really a good school. Fall term of 10 weeks was taught by Miss EMMA J. SAUNDERS, who is also a young teacher but a good worker. The scholars passed a good examination. Roll of honor first term, Charles Akerman, Minnie G. H. Cloudman, Jennie A. Swain. Whole number scholars first term, 10; average, 8; second term, 11; aver-

age 8. Wages per month, board included, \$17.64 in summer ; \$16.68 in fall.

Mrs. P. W. Akerman, Prudential Committee.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

Five weeks of school in summer and 8 in fall. First term was taught by Miss JOSEPHINE ROBINSON, second by ALICE D. SAUNDERS. Both teachers are well educated, thereby imparting the correct principles of education. The examination showed the school had been profitable. Roll of honor first term, Arthur Berry, James E. Berry, Wilbur Manchester, Flossie Folsom, Hattie Hazelton, Amy Manchester, Lora Manchester, Nellie Hazelton, Fannie Pitman, Viola Pitman, Nettie Smith ; second term, Arthur Berry, Oren Akerman, Ariel G. Gove, Nettie Smith, Elwyn Hazelton, Flossie Folsom, Mabel Hutchins, Josie Hutchins, Hattie Hazelton, Nellie Hazelton, Ida Saunders. Whole number scholars each term, 20 ; average, 19. Wages per month, including board, \$17 first term ; \$18 second.

F. N. Healey, Prudential Committee.

#### DISTRICT No. 10.

First term, taught by Miss ELLA F. ATWOOD, was 6 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 13 ; average, 12. Roll of honor, Alton Hilton, Fred E. Hilton, Mary M. Brown. Miss Atwood takes a decided interest in the subject of education and did good service in the school. She was succeeded by Miss N. FRANCES EASTMAN, who continued the work in an efficient manner. Number of scholars, 13 ; average, 12. Roll of honor, Mary Brown, Charles Brown. Length of school, 13 weeks. Wages first term, board included, \$18 ; second term, not included, \$12 ; board given.

F. H. Lewis, Prudential Committee.

#### DISTRICT No. 11.

Two terms. First taught by EMMA J. SAUNDERS, second by L. ETTA GREY. Both terms were successful. The teachers were earnest in their efforts and the scholars did their part well.

Length of terms, first, 4 weeks; second, 10. Roll of honor, first term, Lizzie French, Etta Shepard, Cora Pearsons, Frank Grey, Arthur Grey, Harry Pearsons, Everett Shepard, Edmund Shepard; second term, Adella Grey, Cora Pearsons. Whole number scholars first term, 13; average, 10; second term 12: average 10.

Charles Peaslee, Prudential Committee.

#### DISTRICT No. 12.

Summer term taught by Mrs. O. A. Bailey. This was a good school. The scholars were interested in their studies and made good progress. Whole number of scholars, 12; average, 10. Length of school, 7 weeks. Roll of honor, Herbert Akerman, Harvey Akerman, Irvin Pitman. Second term taught by Miss SUSIE N. BULLOCK. At the commencement the school appeared well. On account of sickness of the teacher the school was not in session at my last visit. Length of school, 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 8; average, 7. Roll of honor, Clara Akerman, Harvey Akerman. Wages per month, board included, \$16.

Michael Akerman, Prudential Committee.

#### DISTRICT No. 13.

First term taught by Miss SARAH E. SULLOWAY; second by EFFIE E. HODGDON. The progress of the scholars was very good. Summer term 5 weeks, fall ten. Number scholars in summer, 16; average, 15; fall, 19; average, 10. Roll of honor, fall term, Irena Chapman, Elvira Chapman, Cora Knowles, Belle Grey, Florence Grey. Wages per month, including board, \$18 first term; \$17 second.

Edwin S. Knowles, Prudential Committee.

#### DISTRICT No. 14.

Miss HATTIE CLARK taught a term of 7 weeks in summer. Six scholars constituted the school and for these the teacher seemed interested and the scholars learned well. Average number of scholars, 4. Roll of honor, Ada Gray, Orrin Gray.

Wages per month, board included, \$10. Winter term, taught by Charles H. Calley, who takes a decided stand for good order and thorough lessons. At the close several were absent on account of sickness, and a few from some cause unknown to your committee. This is wrong; if grievances are real they should be made known and corrected. If imaginary they need the light and then naturally vanish, doing no harm. Those present were orderly and studious, showing good scholarship, and were able to stand at the board and perform mathematical problems with as much correctness as in any school in town. The classes in parsing made excellent progress, especially the first class which would do honor to any school. Length of term, 16 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 14; average, 10. Wages of teacher per month, \$14; board given.

Aaron Clark, Prudential Committee.

It is unnecessary to make further comments upon the character of the teachers or quality and rank of the schools. They have, upon the whole, been quite satisfactory. Imparting instruction is only a part of a teacher's professional duty in elementary schools. The ideal of a teacher is one who succeeds in forming character. When that work is faithfully done, the future success of the scholar is assured.

The elements of reading are the first principles of an education taught the child, and as a general rule, too little attention is paid to this branch of study, in our schools. There are few teachers who understand that school studies are secondary to general reading as a source of culture, and who make *good reading* first in the list of acquisitions. But to find conjoined in one person, a well informed and well balanced mind, clearness of apprehension, readiness of sympathy, firmness of will and unwavering self-command necessary to form a *model* teacher, we should seek as for a hidden treasure.

As the majority of our scholars receive their principle education from district schools, it is of the *utmost importance* that we carefully guard them, and liberally contribute to their support. If we stint the moral and intellectual growth of our children, we



strike the ax to the root of their future development, thereby undermining the foundation of liberty. Intelligence and virtue, when joined hands, make the stronghold of liberty and a bulwark of strength, to any people.

Number of visits by Superintending School Committee, fifty-five.

C. N. PLUMER, *S. S. Committee.*

Alexandria, March 1, 1880.

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